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As U.S. Manufacturing Continues to Grow, the City of Fremont Gains Reputation as Silicon Valley Manufacturing Hub

Fremont Releases Manufacturing Infographic and Facility Touring Schedules in Honor of Manufacturing Day

Fremont, Calif. – October 2, 2014 – In honor of the upcoming nationwide <u>Manufacturing Day</u> on October 3, the <u>City of Fremont</u> today released an infographic telling the story of U.S. manufacturing growth, California's role in this growth, and Fremont's status as a Silicon Valley Manufacturing Hub.

According to the infographic, the "Made in America" theme is a great Cinderella comeback story. Today, manufacturing is robust in the United States and is a major stimulant for the country's economy.

Fremont's manufacturing infographic highlights:

- The reshoring movement within the United States including reasons to reshore, such as:
 - Intellectual property protection, the ability for customization/small batches, and proximity to the U.S. customer base
- Average manufacturing costs in other countries vs. the United States:
 - Of which Germany, Japan, France, Italy, and the U.K. are all expected to be 8-18 percent higher than in the United States by 2015.
- U.S. manufacturing growth over the past five years:
 - Growing from more than \$4.4 billion in 2009 to more than \$5.9 billion in 2013
- Top 5 states for manufacturing jobs:
 - 1. California
 - 2. Texas
 - 3. Ohio

- 4. Illinois
- 5. Pennsylvania

In addition, the infographic takes a look at the Silicon Valley infrastructure, the growth of manufacturing within the City of Fremont, business incentives provided by the City to encourage manufacturing, along with recent amount of investment in large-scale manufacturing facilities located in Fremont.

Within the City of Fremont, manufacturing makes up 23 percent of the total workforce. According to the infographic, between 2011 and 2012 alone the City had a growth of 9.3 percent in manufacturing Gross Regional Product. In addition, manufacturing export revenue increased by about 7 percent.

"With companies such as Tesla Motors, ThermoFisher Scientific, Western Digital, and LAM Research calling Fremont home, it's no surprise that Fremont has grown into a capital for advanced manufacturing within the Silicon Valley," said Bill Harrison, mayor of Fremont. "By offering incentives such as no Utility Users Tax, business license tax exemptions for clean tech and biotech companies, and customized permit assistance, we are hopeful that other manufacturers will consider joining Fremont's ecosystem. Add to it that we have a tremendous manufacturing development opportunity in our Innovation District, and we think it's a compelling story."

Adding to the release of its infographic, the City is participating in Manufacturing Day by having local manufacturing companies host tours at their various facilities on October 3. This will give those who are interested in manufacturing an opportunity to get an insider's perspective into Fremont's resident manufacturers.

The following Fremont manufacturing facilities are offering tours:

ALOM

October 3, 2014 10 a.m. tour 48105 Warm Springs Blvd.

AlterG, Inc.

October 3, 2014 | 10 a.m. tour 48438 Milmont Dr.

Asteelflash

October 3, 2014 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. tours 4211 Starboard Dr.

Bay Area Circuits

October 3, 2014 1:30 p.m. tour 44358 Old Warm Springs Blvd.

Cal Weld

October 3, 2014 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. tours 4308 Solar Way

Lanner Electronics

October 3, 2014 41920 Christy St. 3 p.m. tour Private tour by invite only

Plexus

October 3, 2014 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Private tour by invite only.

Sonic Manufacturing

October 3, 2014 2 p.m. tour 47951 Westinghouse Dr.

Those interested in participating in any of the above tours can join in on the fun and activities that Fremont's manufacturers have to offer by registering at the links provided above.

For more information about Manufacturing Day in Fremont, please visit www.thinksiliconvalley.com/mfg14.

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